

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12, with the following paragraph:

The conventional display apparatus 80 has a large number of gas-discharge tubes 90, 90,... aligned in parallel form in the direction perpendicular to the direction of their axes and has a structure wherein these gas-discharge tubes 90, 90,... are sandwiched between a rear support member (substrate) 96 and a front support member (substrate) 98. Address ~~electrons~~ electrodes (also referred to as selection electrodes) 97, 97,... are provided in the direction of the axes of gas-discharge tubes 90, respectively, on the surface of the gas-discharge tube 90 side of the rear support member 96. On the other hand, sustain electrodes (also referred to as display electrodes) 99, 99,... whose longitudinal direction is in a direction that crosses the direction of the address electrodes 97 in the plan view are provided with predetermined intervals on the surface of the gas-discharge tube 90 side of the front support member 98. Here, each of the sustain electrodes is formed of a pair of electrodes 99a and 99b.